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OR2011-04116

Dear Ms. Middlebrooks:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 412316 (KXAS PIR Code FB-010311-011811).

The City of Dallas (the "city") received a request for data showing the total number of hours spent on Facebook.com by any and all employees and elected officials during the year 2010, as well as the identity of the top five employees or government officials who logged the most hours. You state you have released some information to the requestor. You claim the marked information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.139 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.139 provides that information is excepted from required public disclosure "if it is information that relates to computer network security, to restricted information under Section 2059.055, or to the design, operation, or defense of a computer network." Gov't Code § 552.139(a). You state the information you have marked under section 552.139 constitutes internet protocol addresses ("IP addresses"), disclosure of which could potentially expose the city's computer system to serious damage through theft or corruption by unauthorized activities by outside persons. Based on your representations and our review,

we agree the city must withhold the IP addresses it has marked under section 552.139 of the Government Code.<sup>1</sup>

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index\\_orl.php](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



Sean Nottingham  
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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)

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<sup>1</sup>As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining arguments against disclosure.